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17. The Naval Air Systems Command and Program Manager for Tactical Control Systems (PM-TCS) invite potential offerors to attend a Brief to Industry to be held at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons Island, MD on 07 October 1997 at 1300 hours. In response to an Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) initiative to provide Joint Warfighting Commanders with an interoperable and scaleable command, control, communications and data dissemination system for the family of tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), the Program Executive Office for Cruise Missiles and Joint UAVs (PEO(CU)) has established a UAV Tactical Control System (TCS) acquisition program with a three phase development schedule. The objective of the TCS program is to use common hardware and software already in the Department of Defense (DOD), to facilitate the integration of control functionality for a diversity of tactical UAVs, and to be interoperable with all existing and future tactical UAVs. Accomplishment of these goals within the established schedule will require rapid definition of the integration and interoperability requirements. Demonstrations during scheduled military exercises will be conducted on a regular basis to generate early user input and evaluation. The main functions of the system integrator include, but are not limited to 1) maintain an installation schedule, 2) support the installation process for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force Systems, 3) integrate GFE hardware, GFE software, and contractor procured hardware into a deployable system, 4) checkout of each deployed system, and 5) support other TCS Integrated Product Teams. The purpose of this Brief to Industry is to relay technical information to potential offerors in order to solicit information and feedback from industry for potential solutions to the TCS integration parameters. The results of this brief will also serve as the basis for establishing the initial bidders list and will provide essential information on whether or not adequate competition exists to compete this effort. The Government intends to electronically release a draft solicitation under full and open competition in Oct 1997 for a System Integration Contractor to support TCS installations during FY99 and beyond. Other follow on Briefs to Industry are planned for early December at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division in Dahlgren, VA, and the Joint Technology Center/Systems Integration Laboratory in Huntsville, AL. All organizations should limit their attendance to three (3) individuals one of whom should be a technical expert. Interested parties should submit their written requests to NAVAIRSYSCOM, Attn: LCDR Paul Park, Bldg 2272/Suite 255/14723 Buse Road, Patuxent River, MD 20670-1547 or electronically via the TCS Home Page, <http://uav.nswc.navy.mil/tcs/> by 02 Oct 1997. This Brief to Industry does not represent a contract, a promise to contract, or a commitment of any kind.*****